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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GUSHIMA ET AL.

Examiner

NABIL Z HINDI

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16-25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,7 and 10-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,5,6,8,9,14 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☒ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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In response to applicant's pre-amendment dated June 22, 2001. The following action is taken:

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Seo et al (6731586).

The reference shows a laser source controlling apparatus in an optical disk device comprising: a light source LD, a recoding pulse generator NRZI, a laser driver 206, photo detection means monitoring the laser source 214, a sampling and holding means for sampling the photo detection signal 202, sampling timing generating means 208 wherein the sampling timing generates a delayed timing (DELAY) by a response time of the laser driver and the photo detection 212 and 210.

With respect to the limitation of claim 3 see fig 2 elements 202 and 206.

With respect to the limitations of claims 4 and 13. see fig 2 elements 214, 200, 212, 210 and 208.

With respect to the limitation of claim 10, see element 212 and 206.

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With respect to the limitation of claim 11, see fig 2 element 202, 204 and 212 and figs 6q-6e having a servo (GAP and MIROR) section on the recording track to control the laser output.

With respect to the limitation of claim 12. The claim read on a SYN signal.


Claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 16-25 are allowed.

None of the cited prior art shows or teaches a laser output controller in an optical disk drive comprising the elements as claimed such as the first and second binarizer with a selector in between nor the use of a timing generating having a timing longer than a sum of acquisition time and aperture time as claimed.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. 6014348.

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